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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION OF 08/30/2010

The applicant respectfully submits the following in response to the Final Office action in the above referenced case mailed on August 30, 2010 (hereinafter "OA").

The OA rejected claims 80-85 inclusive (claims 1-79 being previously cancelled) under a 35 USC 103(a) obviousness analysis as being unpatentable over Weiss (US Publication No. 2002/0195191) in view of Johnson (US Pat. No. 5,178,924).

In the response the applicant respectfully submits the analysis in the OA pertaining to the teachings from Johnson is completely incorrect in both its analysis and conclusion and does not "disclose the limitations of the protective layer" (OA at Page 3, second paragraph) in order support of the 103(a) obviousness rejection in the OA. Accordingly it is applicant's position that all claims 80-85 inclusive should be granted.

Analysis of Johnson (US Pat. No. 5,178,924)

First, the applicant notes that in beginning of its description of Johnson, the OA at Page 3, second paragraph states as follows:

"Johnson discloses a removable release layer made of a separate polyethylene (Col. 4, lines 55-60) film..." In response the applicant notes that nowhere at Col. 4, lines 55-60 does Johnson teach a